

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 872

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Connie Lin Barker, 2002
Valedictorian of Obion County Central High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Connie Lin Barker is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Obion County Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Barker has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Connie Lin Barker has earned an exemplary 98.8 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, while in the Challenge Program, she has been on the Honor Roll and "Top Ten" consistently throughout her four years of high school; she has also been honored in the exclusive *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and on the prestigious National Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barker has received academic honors in Algebra I and II, English I, III, and IV, Spanish II, Chemistry, and Economics/Government; selected as her school's delegate to Volunteer Girls' State and to First Citizens National Bank Student Advisory Board, she has further represented and supported her school as a member of various clubs and organizations, including the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, the Foreign Language Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Christian Youth Council, the Key Club, the Pep Club, the Art Club, and Broadcasting; and

WHEREAS, a member of Jones Chapel Church of Christ, Connie Lin Barker dedicates much of her leisure time to community service endeavors, including the Reelfoot Rural Ministries, the Habitat for Humanity, and the Heritage Day Art/Pottery Exhibit; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barker's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at the University of Tennessee-Martin, where she plans to major in Pre-Pharmacy; for her pursuit of academic excellence, she has been awarded the UT Martin Dean's Scholarship, which includes the UT Board of Trustees Scholarship, and the Academic Achievement Scholarship; she also received the UT National Alumni Association Valedictorian Scholarship and a Union City Rotary Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Connie Lin Barker's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Sue and Sherrill Barker, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Connie Lin Barker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Obion County Central High School Valedictorian, Connie Lin Barker, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

